

SENATE BILL 1943

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-113, relative to organized retail crime.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-113(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(c) A person commits the offense of organized retail crime when the person:

(1) Acts in concert with one (1) or more individuals to commit theft of any merchandise with a value greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) aggregated over a ninety-day period with the intent to:

(A) Sell, barter, or trade the merchandise for monetary or other gain; or

(B) Fraudulently return the merchandise to a retail merchant; or

(2) Receives, possesses, sells, or purchases, by physical or electronic means, any merchandise or stored value cards obtained from a fraudulent return with the knowledge that the property was obtained in violation of § 39-14-103 or § 39-14-106.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.